

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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Agathe SUBTIL, et al.

: ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE

SERIAL NO. 10/014,670

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FOR: SECRETED CHLAMYDIA POLYPEPTIDES AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING

SUCH POLYPEPTIDES BY THEIR SECRETION BY A TYPE III SECRETION

PATHWAY OF A GRAM-NEGATIVE BACTERIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Correspondence mailed January 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following:

REMARKS

Please delete the Sequence Listing, which was filed in error on December 14, 2001.

According to 37 CFR § 1.821, a Sequence Listing is only required when an unbranched sequence of four or more amino acids or an unbranched sequence of ten or more nucleotides is "specifically defined" in the application. There are no such sequences in the present application. As such, submission of a Sequence Listing is believed to be unnecessary. In the event the Office determines that a Sequence Listing is necessary, Applicants request that the office contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to avoid any further delay.